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SPECIAL DEPUTY TO BE CONTINUED

EXPERIMENTAL PERIOD OF
OFFICER TO ENFORCE AUTO
SPEEDING LAWS HAS BEEN
HUGE SUCCESS.

VIOLATORS PAY OVER \$1,000

Financial Gain to County Nearly \$500
Since June 7th. Besides Roads
are Better Preserved and Safer.

The experimental period for a special Van Buren county deputy sheriff to enforce observance of the State Auto Speed law is about up. To say that the experiment from every point of view has been a howling success would be putting it mildly, and the continuance of the policy of Sheriff Beattie to keep officer Yeider on the job will meet the approval of the citizens of this county. It was on the suggestion of Sheriff Beattie at the special session of the Board of Supervisors on June 6th, that the special deputy was appointed. He went before the Board and asked for authority to appoint such an officer for one month simply as an experiment, and the request was granted. Perry Yeider was appointed for that duty, and commenced work on June 7th. He has been on the job every minute since that time and the results of his vigilance have been very gratifying not only to the Board of Supervisors, but to the great majority of the citizens of the county.

Since the seventh day of June and up to Thursday night of this week, the sum of \$800.00 has been paid in to the treasury of the county in fines collected, and the additional sum of \$275 for costs. The costs of this department of the sheriff's office in addition to the amount collected from violators, has been \$335, making a net gain to the county of \$465 during the experimental period in this department of the sheriff's office.

So much for the financial side of the experiment; but there is another and more important side of the question, which is the most gratifying of all. Auto drivers of Van Buren county are being taught that the law regulating the speed of automobiles is a state law to be observed the same as any other law, and transient drivers are circulating the news that they must obey the law when driving through Van Buren. The public highways are becoming more safe for pedestrians, rigs and auto drivers, and the state roads will be better preserved. The number of arrests will undoubtedly decrease from now on, as drivers all over the county are fast being educated, although Yeider reports a total of sixteen arrests on July 4th.

The Board of Supervisors gave the sheriff authority to continue with the special deputy if in his judgment the results of the experiment would warrant it. So all drivers take warning and drive within the law unless they desire to contribute to the fund, for Deputy Yeider will be on the job indefinitely.

PAW PAW WOMAN HAS PASSED 105th. MILESTONE OF LIFE.

It may not be generally known, but Paw Paw is the home of a lady who has passed her 105th birthday. Her name is Mrs. Frances Bradley, who is tenderly cared for by her daughter Mrs. Frank Roberts at her home. Mrs. Bradley is a colored lady and was born in Madison county Virginia and came to Michigan in 1856. Since that time she has lived in Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties. She is the mother of fifteen children, six of whom are living. A large company of her relatives gathered at the Frank Roberts home on July 4th, in her honor, and to make the aged mother's heart glad. She is in good health, although her mind is not quite so strong and clear as it once was. She expects however to spend many more happy birthdays on earth, and the community certainly hopes that her expectations may be realized. Four generations were represented at the gathering, and pictures were taken of representatives of these generations.

PAW PAW BOYS AGAIN TAKE MEASURE OF BANGOR TEAM.

One of the features of the Fourth of July celebration at South Haven was a base ball game in the afternoon between the Bangor and Paw Paw high school teams. These teams played on Field day for the county championship, and Paw Paw won. Since that time there has been considerable controversy between the two towns as to the relative merits of the two teams. The Bangor Advance at that time stated that man for man the Bangor boys outclassed the Paw Paw team and that there was no comparison between the skill and ability of the two pitchers. The game on the Fourth should dispel any doubts that Bangor may have had as to the merits of the team. Carr, Paw Paw's pitcher allowed but one measly hit, and struck out fifteen men. Paw Paw made six hits and the final score was 5 to 1 in favor of Paw Paw. Paw Paw has felt since the Field day performance that its high school team could take the measure of the Bangor boys any time or at any place, and the result of the game on the Fourth amply justifies the contention.

LAWRENCE PLANS COUNTY FAREWELL FOR SOLDIERS.

Our neighboring village of Lawrence is planning a big demonstration for Thursday July 12th. It is to be in the nature of a farewell to the soldier boys of that village and vicinity who have shown their red blooded patriotism and are ready to follow the flag to the front. A total of thirty-seven young men of that community have already enlisted for service, seventeen of them in Troop "A" cavalry of South Haven. These soldier boys are from the best families, strong robust young men. Their home village and the county in general is proud of them and will be glad to unite to do them honor.

The citizens of Lawrence desire to make the occasion a county farewell to all the boys who are going, and ask the citizens of the county in general to join with them in making the occasion one long to be remembered. Troop "A" of South Haven, headed by Captain E. W. Thompson, who by the way is a Lawrence boy, will be present and give a full drill on the ball grounds in the afternoon. There will be a base ball game, probably between Bangor and Lawrence and a program of other sports. The Lawrence cornet band and Tynes' Five and Drum corps will furnish the music and a gala day is anticipated. Captain Sterling of Benton Harbor will deliver an address in the evening. The Captain is the present prosecuting attorney of Berrien county, but will tender his resignation to go with his company to the trenches. His address will be well worth hearing.

Everybody plan then to go to Lawrence next Thursday, July 12th, and assist in giving the Van Buren county boys who are so soon to join the great army at the front, a fitting farewell. Lets show to them that our hearts beat in unison with theirs, and that we wish them God speed.

RUMOR SAYS PROSECUTOR TRADED SAXON FOR FORD.

The writer does not presume to vouch for the absolute truth of this statement, but he has been informed by one who presumes to know that Prosecuting attorney Bert Adams, has traded his new Saxon automobile for a Ford. Of course the exchange may be only temporary or it may have been for experimental purposes, but anyway the facts seem to be that on the morning of the Fourth of July, Bert started from home with his family and some friends in the new Saxon to spend the day in South Haven, and about noon returned in a Ford car of somewhat doubtful vintage. The rumor that he has traded cars may be only a bit of gossip, but the report that he drove away with a Saxon and returned with what had a long time ago been a new Ford is not disputed.

COUNTY AGENT, FARRAND SUB- MITS WEEKLY CROP REPORT.

Wheat has made a remarkable recovery in the past few weeks. Oats looking very good, corn small and backward. Beans and late potato planting practically over. The cold, wet weather through blossoming period was unfavorable for good setting of tree fruits. Peaches light crop. Apples, pears, cherries fair grapes good.

Red Cross Drive Gets Results.

Over \$25,000 Subscribed in Van Buren County.
Paw Paw Reaches the \$5,000 Mark.

There has never been a question as to the loyalty and patriotism of the citizens of Paw Paw, of the county, the state and the nation on any matter pertaining to the honor, the integrity and the stability of the country over which the stars and stripes float. President Wilson asked for subscriptions to the Red Cross fund to the amount of \$100,000,000. Within a week from the time the "drive" started the announcement comes that this colossal sum of money has been over subscribed, possibly is now well over \$4,000,000. Van Buren county was asked to 000 and officials in charge announce that the amount subscribed is nearly well over \$4,000,000. Van Buren county was asked to raise the sum of \$20,000 and we have passed the \$25,000 mark. Paw Paw's share was \$4,000 and the figures have climbed to nearly \$5,000. In addition to this the ladies of the community have through their efforts alone raised the sum of \$700.00 in membership dues. The new members of the local branch of the Red Cross society appear elsewhere in this issue, and the additions to the subscription lists made since last weeks issue, with amounts subscribed by each will be found in report of local committee in this column:—

Report of Committee.

The committee for the collection of the Red Cross allotment assessed against Paw Paw, Waverly and Alma in this issue report the persons who have subscribed during the past week. It was announced that the committee would receive no further contributions toward the fund after Saturday, June 30th.

It is a source of gratification to the Committee to have been able to report the magnificent sum raised in Paw Paw and contributed by persons whose names were published.

Paw Paw made a very favorable showing in the Red Cross contributions compared to any of the towns that we have had news of, and the Committee expresses its appreciation of the liberality and cordiality of the people solicited, and while the original Paw Paw Committee has closed its books and turned over the fund, there are doubtless many yet who would be glad to contribute, and all such contributions hereafter may be sent to Miss Ola Killefer, Paw Paw, Michigan, Secretary of the Red Cross organization.

It is urged that each person in the three townships take himself or herself to account whether they are doing or have done all they could on this call for the Red Cross fund. There is yet a great deal of work to be done and funds to be raised. There will be provisions made so that persons unable to give money may work or may do knitting or sewing and ladies willing to give their time can secure the information regarding the knitting and sewing etc. from Miss Killefer or their local secretary.

Let us get under the load and do our best to provide in advance for the necessities for our boys that go to the front.

Committee.

Contributors to Red Cross Fund Since Last Issue.

C. A. Wolf	\$25.00
W. H. Pugsley	25.00
M. C. Wheaton	20.00
C. L. Bowen & Son	15.00
L. L. Cole	15.00
W. G. Epley	10.00
T. B. Jackson	10.00
Byron L. Sowle	10.00
L. K. Woodman	10.00
M. D. Buskirk & Son	10.00
Mrs. Robert Furbush	5.00
Eugene Roundy	5.00
Wm. M. Kirkwood	5.00
Charles M. Howe	5.00
W. D. Davis	5.00
Gertrude Duncombe	5.00
Martin Eager	5.00
J. F. Whitford	5.00
W. H. Averill	5.00
C. D. Richard	5.00
R. E. Boomer	5.00
John Bradley	4.00
Elmer Owens	4.00
H. T. Evans	3.00
D. P. Smith	2.50
V. C. Sherrod	2.00
Robert Smith	2.00
Harry F. Bigelow	2.00
Harold V. Sherrod	1.00
F. E. Gorton	1.00
Max H. Sherrod	1.00
Edward F. Sherrod	1.00
Mrs. W. H. Averill	1.00
Theodore Ferguson	1.00
D. T. Shaefer	1.00

Total Contributions to fund in Paw Paw and vicinity...\$4,863

Collection by ladies for Memberships 700

Grand total to date \$5,563

Report of County Organization.

The Board of Directors of the Van Buren county branch of the Red Cross society met in the office of County chairman David Anderson last Monday, with the following members present:—

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"CHAIN LETTER" GIRLS MET AT HOME OF PORTER MEMBER.

The Chain Letter girls who meet annually on the 26th, of June, met this year on that date with Grace Marshall at her fathers home south of Lawton.

Only two were absent—Gail Allen Walker of California and Eva Campbell Murch of Mattawan. Those present were, Bessie Baker McDale of Kalamazoo, Blanche Parker Brigham of Decatur, Anna Lake Shanahan of Lawton, Jennie Hall Becker of Kendall, Halo North Hall of Grand Rapids, Bessie Holt Wilson of Lansing, Faye Pugsley Glidden of Three Rivers and Lulu Mather Connor of Lawton.

The mothers were also present and a most delightful day was spent, one of the most enjoyable features being the bountiful and excellent dinner which was served.

If nothing prevails all are anticipating the 1918 reunion at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Wilson in Lansing.

RED CROSS MEMBERS ADDED SINCE LAST WEEKS ISSUE.

Contributing Members. \$5.00
Mrs. E. H. Miner, Mr. A. Steffensen.

Subscribing Members. \$2.00
Mrs. Harriet Summy, Mrs. John Reed, A. N. Lane, Mrs. Lena Weather wax, Mrs. Pepeyah.

Subscribing Members. \$2.50.
E. Jepsen, Mrs. E. Jepsen.

Annual Members \$1.00.
Mrs. Haman, Dorothy Averill, Mrs.

Tana Stephens, Pearl Stephens, Martha Wells, Walter Durkee, Charles Kessler, Mrs. C. H. Heaton, H. W. Fisk, Mrs. Bert Cummings, Mrs. D. W. Williams, J. E. Stevens, R. Gillespie, Mrs. Gillespie, Henry Factley, Mary A. Lee, Mrs. M. L. Page, Mrs. Clyde Bassett, Mrs. Dollie Connor, Mrs. Fianna Maxwell, Mrs. Charles Struble, Mrs. A. K. Petrie, Mrs. E. A. Chase, Mrs. L. L. Cole, Myrtle Cole, Mrs. Esther Harrison, Rev. I. P. Bates, Joseph Giles, Fred Bassett, Mrs. Barr, Percy Orton, Mrs. B. W. Tracy, Mrs. A. Steffensen, Ellen Steffensen, Mrs. Rachel Areaux, Mrs. C. A. Finch, Mrs. C. H. Smith, Mrs. H. Bolinger, C. Schloyer, Mrs. Fred Manning Sr., Fred Hoodmaker, Mrs. Fred Hoodmaker, Gladys Hoodmaker, L. B. Hoodmaker, Mrs. Hettie B. Hoodmaker, Louise Eichelberger, Mrs. A. M. Burns, Coral Van Wiltensberg, Hazel Blocker, Rachel Sufferling, Lucy Manning, Fred Manning Jr., Volma Miller, Estelle Miller, Millie Pifer, Eva Burns, Cleo Brown, John Solomon, Mrs. John Solomon, Mrs. D. Hoodmaker, A. J. Teed, Mrs. W. A. Brown, Ruth McKeown, Jane McKeown, Flora Peck, Steven Libby.

SOME CLASSY RACING AT HARTFORD ON THE FOURTH.

C. H. Hicks officiating as one of the judges at the matinee racing in Hartford on the Fourth. He reports a large attendance, a fine racing card and classy stepping. It is estimated that nearly three thousand people were present to enjoy the events. It has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the county that anything that the county fair association at Hartford gets behind and stands sponsor for, is a success.

"CIVILIZATION" DREW BIG CROWD. OTHER BIG FEATURES.

The largest number of people who ever attended a Movie feature in one day in Paw Paw, saw "Civilization" at the Idle Hour theatre last Saturday. Fully one thousand people saw the films during the afternoon and evening. Such patronage is indeed encouraging to the management, and several more big features are in store for the near future. A fine program is announced for the closing days of the week and all of next week. The big feature of the week will be Mary Pickford on Thursday evening July 12th, in "Little Pal."

DALE HARRISON HAD NARROW ESCAPE FROM WATERY GRAVE.

Dale Harrison had a narrow escape from drowning one day recently. In company with another newspaper man from Belleville, Ill., where Dale is employed, he went to a nearby lake to enjoy a swim. They swam across the lake to a small island, and on the return trip Dale went down. His companion was unable to save him, but a member of the life saving crew at that city, finally rescued him. He was unconscious, and it was only by the most heroic measures that he was resuscitated.

POLITICAL STRAWS COMMENCE TO BLOW

RACE FOR STATE SENATE
PROMISES TO BE INTEREST-
ING CONTEST. ALREADY
FOUR CANDIDATES IN THE
FIELD.

SUP. KIRBY IS A CANDIDATE

Covert Man Would Represent County
in Legislature. Lang for Sheriff
and Broughton for Clerk Will
Probably be Unopposed.

It is over a year yet before the next county primary will be held, but political rumblings commence to be heard in various sections of the county, and it is evident at this early date that the war will have no apparent effect on the next political campaign, locally at least.

No bona fide announcements have as yet been made, but the tentative candidates are letting their friends about the county know that they are in a receptive mood, and the political rumors already afloat indicate to a certain extent, who some of the candidates are to be.

Candidates for some of the county offices probably will have very little to worry about. In the sheriff's office for instance, the present efficient Undersheriff, Andrew Lang will succeed Sheriff Beattie, probably without opposition. He has made a most capable officer, is courteous and obliging, well known and liked by everybody.

(Since this story was written and just as we go to press, Jasper Buckley of Geneva states to the writer that he is a candidate in opposition to Mr. Lang.)

The same can truthfully be said in regard to the capable and courteous Deputy County clerk, Roscoe W. Broughton. Van Buren county never had a more painstaking and deserving official than Mr. Broughton. Since his chief, Clerk Decker has been in training at Fort Sheridan, the responsibility of the office has fallen to the Deputy, and Mr. Broughton has shown conclusively that he is the right man for the place. He has earned the promotion which he will ask of the electors of Van Buren county, and if we mistake not, Roscoe W. Broughton will be the next Clerk of Van Buren county.

For Treasurer, it is rumored that Supervisor Harold Bolinger of Alma is willing to serve, and it is probable that his announcement will be made in due time. His is the only name the writer has heard for this office, but there is yet ample time for others to "get the bug."

No active candidates have been announced for Register of Deeds, although rumor says that V. A. Lepper formerly of Paw Paw may seek the honor.

Some time ago a fight was in prospect for member of the State Legislature, but it now begins to look as though Supervisor E. J. Kirby of Covert may have the field to himself. Mr. Kirby is an active candidate for the place, and has received much encouragement from all parts of the county. He is eminently qualified and his service on the Board of Supervisors and in various other capacities have given him a wide and favorable acquaintance. Those who believe that the county should be represented by a farmer can have their wishes gratified in Mr. Kirby. He is not only a successful business man, but a practical and successful farmer as well. Supervisor Kirby will be a strong candidate and a hard man to beat.

It begins to look as though the big county fight in the next primary will be for State Senator. There are already four active candidates for this honor, with prospects of more. Representative Lewis of Bangor will seek promotion, and Supervisor Shel-Coleman of Lawton, Dr. Harvey Ransom of Bloomingdale and B. G. Davis of Antwerp are advising their friends that they are in the race. The present candidates are all well known throughout the Allegan-Van Buren district, and each will have a strong following. Any observer of the trend of political affairs

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